

Claims:

1. An animal shaped article which is both a stand alone animal-shaped toy and item of wearing apparel comprising:
 - a plurality of removably attachable segments, each segment having at least one attachment means;
 - whereby the segments are removably attached one to the other by the at least one attachment means and where attached the segments form the stand alone animal-shaped toy and item of wearing apparel;
 - the article is dimensioned to be worn by a wearer; and
 - the plurality of removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article.
2. The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments comprise:
 - at least one head segment; and
 - at least one body segment.
3. The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments comprise:
 - a base segment; and
 - at least one cover segment.
4. The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments comprise:
 - at least one appendage segment.
5. The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article so as to form a plurality of animal shapes.

6. The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article so as to alter the size of the article.
7. The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments have different colors; and
whereby the removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article so as to alter at least one color of the article.
8. The article of claim 1 wherein the article is worn over a neck portion of the wearer, a waist portion of a wearer, or at least one shoulder portion of a wearer.
9. The article of claim 1 wherein the article consists essentially of a soft material.
10. The article of claim 1 where the article further comprises a catch, the catch configured to allow the article to be positioned on a wearer as desired.
11. The article of claim 1 wherein the article further comprises:
at least one external opening, the opening leading to an internal cavity configured to contain at least one good or belonging.
12. The article of claim 1 wherein the article is stuffed.
13. The article of claim 1 wherein the article further comprises:
at least one animating device operably joined to the article and adapted to animate the article.
14. The article of claim 13 wherein the animating device is at least one of:
a sound generator; or
a motion generator.
15. The article of claim 1 wherein the article further comprises:

at least one safety enhancing device operably joined to the article and adapted to enhance the safety of the wearer.

16. The article of claim 15 wherein the at least one safety enhancing device is at least one of:

a personal computer;
a communication device;
a sound generator; or
a light emitting device.

17. The article of claim 1 wherein the article further comprises:

at least one therapeutic device operably joined to the article.

18. The article of claim 17 wherein the at least one therapeutic device comprises at least one of:

a sound generator;
an item adapted to impart cold to a user;
an item adapted to impart heat to a user;
a motion generator; or
a scented item.

19. The article of claim 1 wherein article further comprises at least one entertainment device operably joined to the article and adapted to entertain a user.

20. The article of claim 19 wherein the at least one entertainment device comprises at least one of:

a sound generator;

a personal computer;

a communication device;

a motion generator; or

a light emitting device.